

Application No. 10/510,908
Supplemental Amendment dated April 29, 2009

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the objections and the rejections of this application in view of the remarks made herein, as the application is in condition for allowance.

Summary of Interview with Examiner

Applicants hereby take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on April 29, 2009 in connection with this application. In the interview, the Examiner requested Applicants to perfect the priority claim of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a)(4)(ii).

Claim of Foreign Priority under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(4)(ii)

The Office Action has acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority. The Office Action also acknowledges the receipt of the certified copies of Applicants' priority document from the International Bureau. Applicants hereby thank the Examiner.

Applicants hereby state that the present application as filed is the English language translation of the priority document, that is, German Patent Application No. 10215942.4. Applicants further state that the translation of the certified copy is accurate. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is entitled to the priority date of April 11, 2002, which is the filing date of German Patent Application No. 10215942.4.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the above remarks/arguments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any outstanding issues can be resolved through a telephone interview, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Further, it is believed that no additional fees are due for the subject application. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Order No. 80741 (303989).

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